

## DISPATCHER OF THE MONTH

We are pleased to announce that NYK175 has been named DOTM!

Congratulations to this Hotline Dispatcher who has been with IPN since 2010!

*Dispatcher of the Month is a random drawing and all active dispatchers are eligible to win.*

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Rick, Chuck, Michael, Steve and the entire IPN administrative team wish each and every one of you the happiest of new years. We are proud to work along side with you and look forward to the amazing things to come to IPN in 2017.

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## SPECIAL DISPATCH



It is with a heavy heart that IPN announces the passing of hotline dispatcher Allen Babcock. Allen died tragically in a car accident on December 8th. He was just 27 years old. His IPN Dispatcher ID, MCH054, will be retired in his honor.

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12/11/16 04:36  
Garrison (Baltimore County)| Major Accident| Tac 22| 9515 Reisterstown Rd| Engine 19 o/s of a motor vehicle collision with a victim trapped. Rescue assignment requested. | MAR023

# CHAPTER STATS

Hello Wisconsin! Our Badgers pumped out 609 calls during the month of November missing the Top 10 by just 19 incidents. Let's just say you got our attention. We have a feeling we will see you on that wall in the very near future. Keep up the great work!!

This list continues to be a battle ground. We love to see the dedication month after month. The top three changed again last month with 2094, 2068 and 1926 alerts transmitted by the respective leaders. Maryland bounced

back after being absent in October to take the number eight spot. Ohio and Illinois appear with just seven calls separating the two chapters. The solid effort continues by everyone involved.

We cannot stress how happy with your hard work and dedication. IPN dominates when it comes to North American coverage because of YOU. You make us great and your word of mouth allows us to grow. Please be sure to have your friends and co-workers give us your name when they sign up so we can give you credit.

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
CALIFORNIA	NEW YORK	CALIFORNIA	FLORIDA
FLORIDA	CALIFORNIA	FLORIDA	NEW YORK
NEW YORK	FLORIDA	NEW YORK	CALIFORNIA
MASSACHUSETTS	NEW JERSEY	NEW JERSEY	NEW JERSEY
NEW JERSEY	MASSACHUSETTS	MASSACHUSETTS	MASSACHUSETTS
PENNSYLVANIA	PENNSYLVANIA	TEXAS	PENNSYLVANIA
ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS	PENNSYLVANIA	TEXAS
TEXAS	MARYLAND	ILLINOIS	MARYLAND
OHIO	ONTARIO	OHIO	OHIO
MARYLAND	TEXAS	ONTARIO	ILLINOIS



IPN has certain weather categories available for dispatchers to use. These groups cover weather events that often are not forecast in advance.

Some cases, like thunder storms, may have been anticipated for a region but the exact location and severity of the storm is not known until it actually arrives.

Weather events that do not appear in the pull down menu, such as Winter Weather Warning, should not be sent to the system. These storms are covered by the media several days before they happen.

In sticking with our core values, IPN would be doing our members an injustice by transmitting alerts with information that is old and already known to the masses. We ask that you refrain from sending these notifications over the system. Dispatchers are encouraged to monitor areas where these weather events are occurring because often times, dozens of related incidents are taking place and can be paged out to the members.

## SPECIAL CATEGORY

The Special Category is to be used for those odd calls that don't seem to fit anywhere else. Often these are the calls you patiently wait to get a report on, because they sound like a big deal, but sometimes they don't pan out. Even though they are not a major event they are still news worthy.

That is exactly what happened in Seattle last month. We listened to the archived audio on this one just to be sure we understood the details and IPN Dispatcher WAS003 nailed it. We felt this was a great call to review.

- SFD dispatched a Tech Rescue assignment for a male injured "in a hole" after falling off a building.
- The first units on reported a three story fall but did not declare a trauma alert.
- Command canceled everyone but the first engine and a BLS stating 3 Sty Fall into a pool of water. No injuries other than his wrist.



*Seattle| Special| | 300 Pine St|Worker Fell 3 Stories in to a Pool of Water. Wrist Injury Only. No Trauma Alert or Tech Rescue.| WAS003*

The construction worker is lucky to be alive. Local media is lucky that they receive IPN alerts. The media loves bizarre calls like this one. If you hear something unusual but newsworthy and it does not qualify for any other group please take the time to send it over Special. These events are important and we love to see them going out.

# TRIVIA

**Q: WHO WAS IN OVER 120 EPISODES OF THE TELEVISION SHOW "EMERGENCY" BUT NEVER APPEARED IN ANY OF THE CREDITS?**

A: Sam Lanier, an actual Los Angeles County Fire Department dispatcher, was in every episode but never credited. Sam dispatched for the agency from 1958-1977. He passed away in 1997 of a heart attack, while just 65 years old, assisting the Culver City CA Fire Department at a traffic accident in front of his home. Look for Mr. Lanier in the show that influenced so many of us on MeTV daily.



Photo Credit: Emergencyfans.com

## 2017 T-SHIRTS ARE IN!

Sporting a design conceptualized by IPN's very own Chuck, you'll love wearing this comfortable t-shirt!



Heather gray in color/pattern, the material is the same pre-shrunk, Gildan Ultra Cotton you've come to love in the IPN t-shirts. With bright colors taken from the logo, the only thing missing is a "STAY BACK" warning.

Dispatchers can get a t-shirt by redeeming points at [incidentpage.net/members/rewards.html](http://incidentpage.net/members/rewards.html). If you don't have enough points, email [support@incidentpage.net](mailto:support@incidentpage.net) with your size to make a purchase.

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